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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT EXPLAINING US
VOTE IN FAVOR OF SC RESOLUTION EXTENDING UNEF MANDATE.

2. QUOTE: STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI, ON EXTENSION OF
UNEF OCTOBER 23, 1974

MR. PRESIDENT,

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ONE YEAR AGO RENEWED WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER ARAB

NEIGHBORS, ENDANGERING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE AREA. TODAY--A YEAR LATER--THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS MADE A SECOND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PRESERVING THE PRESENT CEASEFIRE AND DISENGAGEMENT IN A CRITICAL SECTOR AND TO MOVING TOWARDS LASTING PEACE. BY EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS WE SEEK TO ALLOW THE NECESSARY TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE.

THIS UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCE ALREADY HAS MADE AN HISTORIC IMPACT FOR GOOD IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IT HAS A RECORD OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD. DESPITE SOME PROBLEMS, UNEF HAS NOT ONLY SEPARATED THE COMBATANTS BUT HAS HELPED CREATE THE CLIMATE OF PEACE THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

WITH THIS RENEWED MANDATE, AND OUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ITS OPERATIONS, WE ARE CONFIDENT THESE SOLDIERS FOR PEACE WILL OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTIES AS SUCCESSFULLY AS THEY HAVE SOLVED THE INEVITABLE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE FIRST TWELVE MONTHS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FORCE. NO FORCE OF THIS KIND CAN EXPECT PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR ITS TASK. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT IT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WE ARE CONFIDENT IT WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFECTIVE ROLE.

LAST YEAR'S TRAGIC CONFLICT BROUGHT ABOUT A REALIZATION BY THE PARTIES THAT THE ONLY REALISTIC MEANS OF SETTTLING THEIR DISPUTES IS THROUGH A STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATING PROCESS BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS THIS APPROACH HAS PRODUCED CONCRETE PROGRESS TOWARDS SUCH A SETTLEMENT. SIGNIFICANT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, PARTICULARLY IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AND THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. MY GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED -- AND THE SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR CONVICTION -- THAT THE ONLY WAY TO BREAK THROUGH EXISTING STALEMATES AND MOVE CONCRETELY TOWARD PEACE IS THROUGH A PROGRESSIVE SERIES OF AGREEMENTS. EACH STEP HELPS TO CHANGE ATTITUDES AND CREATE NEW SITUATIONS IN WHICH FURTHER STEPS

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TOWARD AN EQUITABLE AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT CAN BE AGREED UPON. THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES TO CONTINUE ITS STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

WE THUS NOTE WITH APPROVAL THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN HIS REPORT (DOCUMENT S/11536), STATES THAT HE CONSIDERS THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF UNEF ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT QUIET, BUT ALSO TO ASSIST, IF

REQUIRED, IN FURTHER EFFORTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS CALLED FOR BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE UNEF FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN MAINTAINING THE PEACE, AND PRESERVING THE CLIMATE IN WHICH THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS CAN GO FORWARD. IT IS DIFFICULT TO EXAGGERATE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY THESE SOLDIERS FOR PEACE IN THESE IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS. THEREFORE, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY GOVERNMENT'S HIGHEST APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS HEADQUARTERS STAFF, AND TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF UNEF FOR THEIR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED PERFORMANCE. I ALSO WISH TO COMMEND THE CIVILIAN STAFF, THE UNTSO OBSERVERS AND MOST OF ALL THE UNEF TROOPS WHO DAILY RISK THEIR LIVES FAR FROM THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES IN THE TASKS OF PEACE.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, PERU, FINLAND, PANAMA, INDONESIA, AND AUSTRIA FOR THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES OF MEMBERS OF THEIR CONTINGENTS WHO IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE. WE REQUEST THE DELEGATIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES TO CONVEY OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THESE BRAVE MEN. MAY THEIR SACRIFICE INSPIRE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

WE COMMEND THE TROOP CONTRIBUTOR COUNTRIES FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WHICH MOTIVATED THEM TO VOLUNTEER TROOPS FOR THIS PEACEKEEPING OPERATION. THE OPERATION OF UNEF HAS DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVELY THE WILLINGNESS OF UN MEMBERS TO ASSUME COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING. ALL OF US HAVE AGREED THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT UNEF SHOULD OPERATE WITH THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EFFICIENCY AND AT THE LEAST COST TO THE UN MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM SHARE THE FINANCIAL BURDENS OF PEACEKEEPING.

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WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, ALL UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THIS FORCE. EFFICIENT OPERATION, IN MY GOVERNMENT'S STRONG VIEW, MUST BE COUPLED WITH MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO ECONOMY. INDEED, THE MOST EFFICIENT FORCE IS USUALLY THE LEANEST. MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY URGES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS POLICY OF KEEPING UNEF COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH EFFICIENT OPERATION AND FAIR COMPENSATION TO TROOP CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS. MY DELEGATION WILL BE WORKING TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS IN THE RESPONSIBLE ORGAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE
RESOLUTION JUST ADOPTED, WHICH EXTENDS UNEF'S MANDATE FOR
ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, IN THE BELIEF THAT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS
A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT CAN BE MADE DURING THIS PERIOD.
WE KNOW THAT PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE
ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING STABILITY DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS
AMONG THE PARTIES, BUT WE ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT PEACE-
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